

an outer surface of said free end portion of said belt-like portion and a stopper formed on the outer surface of said cuff-holding portion.

6. (Amended) [A] The cuff-block [for a finger arterial blood pressure monitor] as claimed in claim 5, wherein said saw-tooth portion [is comprised of] comprises a plurality of concave and convex portions extended parallel to one another in a width direction of said free end portion of said belt-like portion, and said stopper is comprised of a wire and holding portions for fixedly holding both end of said wire, said wire being capable of being engaged with any one of said concave portions.

Please cancel Claim 7.

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's comments and suggestions for amendment.

The claims have been amended to clean up the language and render them clear and definite.

Claims 1-3 have been amended to distinguish the present invention by characterizing the cuff-block as having a portion supporting the cuff and a holder engaging the cuff and/or finger at discrete points remote and removed from the artery so that sensing the pressure in the artery is free of interference.

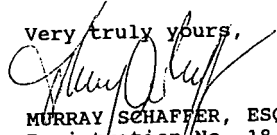
None of the references, particularly Tan and McIntyre disclose such construction. In Tan, the base 12 as well as the bands 18, 20 and 22 all press against the artery on one side or the other of the

finger. There are no discrete points of contact. Similarly, in McIntyre, the cuff and pulse pick up pressure against the artery.

It is, therefore, believed that all of the claims are allowable under Section 112 as well as Section 103.

Reconsideration and reexamination is respectfully requested.

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